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TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Dental (D)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Retroactive Medicaid Coverage

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

The state fiscal year (SFY) 2018/19 Human Services appropriations bill (House File 653), included a number of legislatively mandated cost-containment initiatives. One such initiative was to eliminate retroactive benefits for all Iowa Medicaid eligibility groups currently eligible to receive up to three months of retroactive coverage. This was announced in Informational Letter [1808-MC-FFS-D](#)¹.

This change requires approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The department has not yet received approval from CMS on the elimination of retroactive benefits, and these changes will not be implemented until an approval has been received. Further information and details will be shared once final decisions are made and DHS is ready to implement. **Until that time, retroactive benefits continue as they have in the past.**

If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338- 7909, Monday- Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1808-MC-FFS-D_RetroactiveMedicaidCoverage.pdf